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NEWS RELEASE

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Action taken by Branson Board of Aldermen

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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

The Board recognized Lt. Bryan Miller of the Branson Police Department as the March 2015 Employee of the Month. For the past 12 years, Lt. Miller has been the lead organizer for the Shop with a Hero program, which brings together needy children with Police Officers, Firefighters and Paramedics. They share a meal and a Christmas shopping experience, allowing local families to have a positive interaction with these public service heroes.



CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS

Minutes

The Board approved the minutes from various recent meetings.

Operations Building

The Board also approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Carson Mitchell Inc., for the construction of operations and maintenance building at the Cooper Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new building will have four bays for the maintenance and storage of equipment and vehicles.

Community Survey

The Board approved the final reading of a bill accepting the proposal of ETC Institute pertaining to performing a Community Survey and a Business Survey. The survey follows up on similar outreach efforts in 2008 and 2012, and should be reaching local mailboxes later this spring.

Police Radio Contract

The Board approved the final reading of a bill amending the contract with Radiophone Engineering, Inc. to provide radio equipment in and on the tower site located off Elm Shade Dr.

This new site will improve communications signal in an area where the signal is not as strong as it needs to be.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1st Readings and public hearings)

Special Event Permit

The Board approved a Special Event Permit application for the 42nd Annual Autumn Daze Arts, Craft and Music Festival. The event, which is being held at the downtown Convention Center, will include the closure of the adjacent portion of Sycamore Street for a large outdoor reception.

Pawn Shops

The Board also approved the first reading of a bill amending Chapter 26 of the Branson Municipal Code, pertaining to Pawn Shops. This action updates the City licensing requirements to match the licensing requirements of the State, and covers items such as background checks and a licensing deposit.

Police Vehicles

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting the proposal of Lou Fusz Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge for the purchase of new Police vehicles. This action will bring 5 Dodge Chargers into service for our Police Department.

School Resource Officers

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a contract renewal with the Branson R-IV School District to support the placement of two School Resource Officers. The district pays 75% of the cost of hosting these officers at Branson High School and at Branson Junior High School.

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(Background materials on all agenda items, including audio of the entire Board of Aldermen meeting can be accessed by going to www.bransonmo.gov and clicking on the "Agendas & Minutes" button on the right side of the website homepage.)